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Conservation Practice Overview

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Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mined Land (Code 543)

Reclamation of land and water areas adversely affected by past mining activities.

Practice Information

This practice applies to the construction, grading, and reshaping of land that has been disturbed or adversely affected by past mining activity. Mining activity often degrades the environment, prevents or interferes with beneficial use of the natural resources, and may even cause health or safety problems.



The purpose of mined land reclamation is to stabilize the area and restore it to a productive, economic use. Land reclamation—

- Restores economic land use.
- Restores desirable vegetation.
- Provides erosion control and restores soil resources.
- Enhances water quality and quantity.
- Improves aesthetics.
- Improves fish and wildlife habitat.
- Improves safety and health for other animals and humans.

Common Associated Practices

NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mined Land (Code 543) is commonly applied with NRCS CPSs Critical Area Planting (Code 342), Obstruction Removal (Code 500), Pest Management Conservation System (Code 595), Nutrient Management (Code 590), Access Road (Code 560), and Mine Shaft and Adit Closing (Code 457).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.

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